

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Without prejudice, this listing of the claims replaces all prior versions and listings of the claims in the present application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Original) A budgetary management method, comprising:
responsive to a new transaction that includes a revenue item, executing a RIB rule to determine an increase to expenditure budget generated therefrom, and
storing the budget increase in an identified node of an expenditure budget data structure, and
storing the budget increase in an identified node of a revenue budget data structure.
2. (Original) The budgetary management method of claim 1, wherein revenue budget increases are stored with a marking that they are to be excluded from RIB calculations for expenditure budget items.
3. (Original) The budgetary management method of claim 1, further comprising comparing the expenditure budget data structure and the revenue budget data structure to determine if values therein are in balance.
4. (Original) A reporting method for a budgetary control system, comprising:
responsive to a report template, retrieving expenditure budget values and revenue budget values from storage, and
generating a report that compares the expenditure budget values and the revenue budget values,
wherein the report template indicates whether values from revenue budget items generated according to RIB rules are to be included in the report.
5. (Original) The reporting method of claim 4, further comprising prior to the retrieving, storing revenue budget items in a database, each item including a marker to indicate whether the revenue budget item was generated according to a RIB rule.
6. (Original) A budgetary management system, comprising:

a RIB rule processing system that, responsive to a revenue item, generates a budget item representing an increase to an expenditure budget,
an expenditure budget database to store the budget item, and
a revenue budget database to store the budget item.

7. (Original) The budgetary management system of claim 6, wherein the expenditure budget database stores the budget item in a location identified by a RIB rule.

8. (Original) The budgetary management system of claim 6, wherein the revenue budget database stores the budget item in a location identified by a RIB rule.

9. (Original) The budgetary management system of claim 6, wherein the revenue budget database comprises at least two components: a first component to store planned revenue budget values and a second component to store budget increases generated from RIB rules.

10. (Original) The budgetary management system of claim 6 further comprising a report manager, responsive to a report definition, to generate a report from identified revenue budget items in the revenue budget database.

11. (Original) The budgetary management system of claim 10, wherein the report definition indicates that only planned revenue budget values are to be included in a report.

12. (Original) The budgetary management system of claim 10, wherein the report definition indicates that only RIB budget increases are to be included in a report.

13. (Original) The budgetary management system of claim 10, wherein the report definition indicates that planned revenue budget values and RIB budget increases are to be included in a report.

14. (Original) A computer readable medium comprising software stored thereon that, when executed, causes a processing system to:

execute, in response to a new transaction that includes a revenue item, a RIB rule to determine an increase to expenditure budget generated therefrom,
store the budget increase in an identified node of an expenditure budget data structure,
and
store the budget increase in an identified node of a revenue budget data structure.

15. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 14, wherein revenue budget increases are stored with a marking that they are to be excluded from RIB calculations for expenditure budget items.

16. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 14, further comprising comparing the expenditure budget data structure and the revenue budget data structure to determine if values therein are in balance.

17. (Original) A computer readable medium comprising software stored thereon that, when executed, causes a processing system to:

retrieving, in response to a report template, expenditure budget values and revenue budget values from storage, and

generate a report that compares the expenditure budget values and the revenue budget values,

wherein the report template indicates whether values from revenue budget items generated according to RIB rules are to be included in the report.

18. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 17, wherein the software further causes the processing system to store revenue budget items in a database, each item including a marker to indicate whether the revenue budget item was generated according to a RIB rule.